

Amendments to the Specification:

Please add the following new paragraph before the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 4:

The present application is a National Stage of International Application No.

PCT/US03/09702, filed March 31, 2003, which claims priority from U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/368,525, filed April 1, 2002, and titled "Linear Generator/Motor." The present application also claims priority from International Application No. PCT/US02/03220, filed February 6, 2002, which claims priority from U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/267,500, filed February 8, 2001, and entitled "Variable Stroke/Clearance Mechanism", the entire contents of the prior applications are incorporated herein by reference.